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FM AMEMBASSY YAOUNDE

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 8425

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FOR L/PM

E.O. 11652: NA

TAGS: PGOV, PFOR, CM

SUBJECT: CABINET TASK FORCE ON QUESTIONABLE PAYMENTS ABROAD: FOREIG  
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LAWS ON QUESTIONABLE PAYMENTS

REF: A. A. STATE 94647, B. 75 YOAUNDE 4067, C. 75 STATE 258169

. ANSWERS KEYED REF (A).

A. YES - TERM USED IS "IMPROPER GAIN" AND COVERS A  
VARIETY OF ACTS.

B. NO - PAYMENTS ARE ILLEGAL

C. NO

D. NO

E. NO

F. EMBASSY UNABLE TO IDENTIFY SPECIFIC SECTION OF LAW  
PROHIBITING SPECIFIC ACTS CITED THIS SECTION. HOWEVER,  
GIVEN NATURE OF CAMEROONIAN ECONOMY, IT IS ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE  
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TO ENVISION A TRANSACTION OF ANY CONSEQUENCE WHICH WOULD NOT

INVOLVE A DECISION-MAKER EMPLOYED BY GURC OR A PARASTATAL AGENCY AND THEREFORE SUBJECT TO LEGAL PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO (A) AND (B) ABOVE.

2. APPROPRIATE SECTIONS OF PENAL CODE DEFINE PUBLIC SERVANT VERY BROADLY AND PROHIBIT: (A) ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS OR PROMISE OF GIFTS (INCLUDING MONEY) FOR PERFORMING OR NOT PERFORMING ACTS (UNLESS ACCEPTANCE OF SUCH GIFTS OR MONEY IS AUTHORIZED); (B) ACCEPTANCE OF INTEREST DIRECT OR INDIRECT IN ANY GRANTS OR SELECTION OF TENDERS SUBJECT TO THE PUBLIC SERVANT'S SUPERVISION OR IN ANY CONCERN WHICH HAS SUCCESSFULLY COMPETED FOR THE ABOVE, OR IN ANY BUSINESS FOR WHICH IT IS THE PUBLIC SERVANT'S DUTY TO WARRANT PAYMENT OR SETTLE ACCOUNTS; (C) GRANTING ILLEGAL EXEMPTIONS FOR DUTIES AND TAXES. TEXT BEING POUCHED L/PM.

3. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THE RELATIVES OF GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS OFTEN ARE USED AS AGENTS DUE TO CONTACTS.  
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